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Gav-Hawk Mountain Climb Big Success

The Gaveleer Society and the Mohawk Club with the kind consent of Dr. Sanders, sponsored an all-school mountain climb at Mount Monadnock in N.H. yesterday.

The sign-up sheets were posted in many conspicuous places and were overflowing with names of students wishing to go.

Lunches were prepared for the dormitory students by Miss Worthington and her staff.

CLASS VISITS LOCAL WOOD SHOP

Mr. Landall's freshman class in woodworking visited the Angel Novelty Shop on Oct. 10 and were conducted through the plant by the management.

The trip was very instructive as the guide explained the uses of the various machines and answered any questions brought up by the group of twenty men.

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The Fitchburg State Teachers College has been honored to be host to the Annual Massachusetts State Teachers College Athletic Conference on October 18 and 19. This will be the first time in seven years that Fitchburg has been so honored, the last one being held here in 1939.

Two delegated from each State Teachers College in Mass., along with a faculty sponsor, have been invited to partake in the business, social, and assembly meetings along with the panel discussions. These schools include Lowell, North Adams, Bridgewater, Framingham, Worcester, Salem, and Westfield Teachers Colleges.

The program will open with an address of welcome by Dr. Sanders, followed by an address by Kaye Morrilly, president of the Women's Athletic Association in our college.

Special invitations have been sent to and accepted by Judge Frankland W. L. Miles of the Roxbury District Court who will bring a message to all students and

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EDITORIAL

All over the Country, colleges and universities have been given a great opportunity to readjust and train the veterans for a rightful place in our social and economic world of today. Is Fitchburg Teachers College meeting this challenge to the best of it's ability?

It would be interesting to find out how the veteran feels about his opportunities, his instructors, and his new environment. It might be said that he is a part of one of the greatest educational movements in the history of our country. I wonder if he knows how much the teaching profession needs him, with his valuable experiences and new knowledge. Some of his buddies may have decided against going to college and he wonders- "Did I do the right thing?" Well, naturally, everyone can't attend college. Some just aren't college material and others lack a desire for higher education.

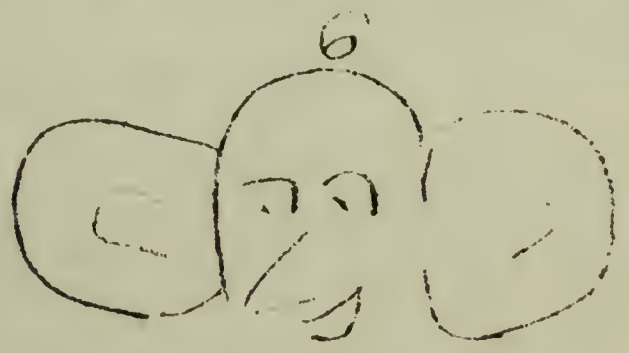
The social activities of the college are again returning to the tempo of pre-war days. Although the average veteran is serious in his study aims, he still wants and enjoys the social functions of the school. Thus, athletics, clubs, etc., have been enriched by the veterans on the campus. This year's social calandar is definitely better and more well-rounded and will stand high in competition with any other college of this size.

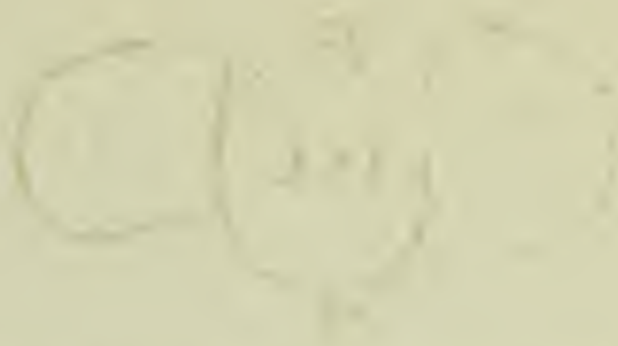
It is up to us to help the veteran by making him feel right at home here. And, when you vets begin to doubt and wonder, remember, the college degree, like the High School Diploma of yesterday, is now the passport to success.

TWIG FOR STICK

Last spring, due to lack of funds and presses, the "TWIG" was adopted in place of the "STICK". This year we have funds, but, as yet, no presses.

As soon as the presses arrive, the "STICK" will be resumed. The Editors feel that they are working with a well-rounded staff and a fine group of reporters and this combination should result in a Grade 'A' college newspaper.





ASSEMBLY HELD Oct. 8.

The first two assemblies of the year were put on for one main purpose: to introduce all of the faculty, and the Student Cooperative Association, and it's members, showing how they function. Primarily this was for the benefit if the Freshmen and we hope we are safe in saying that by now they are quite familiar with the teachers and the student body as a whole.

The assembly of Oct. 8th, which was the third of the year, should have proven of great interest to any student of Biology. Notice the words "should have been" were used because the attendance at this assembly was rather meager.

Mr. Rotzel gave a very good lecture, illusrtating with silent motion pictures, several of the topics he discussed. His main theme was the great need in this country, for the people to become interested in, and to know more about, the importance of food as an essential to life. Only about six percent of the land in this country is suitable for farming. Why is this so? The answer is quite simple. The average American eats his food as quickly as it is put in front of him and thinks nothing of it. Where this food comes from, How it is grown, etc., are of no importance to him. The farmer keeps on growing crops each year and these crops keep taking valuable minerals and other recources from the soil each year. Does the farmer give very much thought to putting these materials back in the soil? Of course not, and so we find that from twenty to thirty percent more value is taken from the soil than is put back in.

Perhaps now we can better see why there is such a food crisis in the world today.

Getting back to Mr. Rotzel, those who did attend the assembly found him to be a very excellent speaker even if they did not care for his subject.

MOHAWKS

The Junior High School building was the scene for the first phase of the Mohawk Initiation. The following members successfully passed the ordeal and are now full-fledges members of the Tribe of The Bear.

Harry Simon	John Casey, Jr.
Edward Davis	Raymond Forest
Ralph Gionet	Donald Grace
Jackson King	George Krikorian
Stanley Muraszka	Michael Russo
Robert Smith	James Theodores
David Vonnberg	David D'Antonio
Charles Herlihy	Pat Tramontozzi
Joseph Bloom	Gerald Matta
Robert O'Neil	James Phillips
James Fiorello	

After the installation, the tribe blazed a trail to the Sterling Inn where a buffet lunch was served and the new members were formally received into the Club.

At the stroke of midnight another trail was blazed to the stone ski lodge at Mt. Wachusett and from there the new members climbed the mountain and met Blastine, the Great Wrestler, or God of The Elements.

Saturday afternoon the new braves, after seeing the St. Bernard game, gave an interesting rendition of Julius Ceasar-modern style.

A large number of the Alumni attended the ceremonies and a very tired but happy tribe returned on Sunday afternoon.

HOW ABOUT IT?

The STICK is in bad shape. We need more contributions and more of you students out for reporting the news of the Campus. This is your paper and what you put into it you get back with interest,

"Saw-Dust"

What with the lovely waether during the first few weeks of school the commuters have every reason to have those 2 million dollar smiles every morning. But, warn our dorm confreres, comes winter, and the smiles will disappear. Could be, hm?

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Yes, this is the cloumn that SEES ALL, KNOWS ALL, AND TELLS NOTHING. Did you hear about that certain Freahman girl who was so sincere in her efforts to please the upper class that she appeared at the 2 A.M. fire drill in Miller Hall all decked out in her big green ribbon? ? ?

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Today's big rumor- The erection of a shack at Depot Square for our bus-riding commuters. Loop hole-Who's going to finance this rain-proof waiting-room?

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Rumor has it that the aroma of frying bacon was floating through GIRLSTOWN in the wee hours of the morning. Could it be that these girls who sport the various signs borrowed from the street department got hungry? Don't worry Irene C., Joan C. or Mary, we won't tell.

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Who are the most confused individuals among the Frosh? Messrs. Nikitas and Forest with their Anti-Administration, Anti-Republican, Anti-Everything daily chatter may well qualify, for to argue with them is like putting a pair of shoes on a mermaid.

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The present trainees, claim they have a gripe that is really a gripe. Those poor souls have to attend classes that tax theirvery superior brains to the utmost and then instruct the kiddies in the three methods of chanting "I'm a little teapot, etc." The following few lines are a sample of an assignment given these geniuses and quoted directly from a book.

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T.C.ALUMNI COUNCIL MEETS

The State Teachers' College Alumni Ass'n council, composed of one member for each graduating class, met at a joint meeting at the college on Saturday morning October fifth.

Topics discussed included: Material for the Alumni News, issued annually about November first; a memorial for Dr. Charles M. Herlihy; and the ways in which the Alumni council members can be of service to the college. Talks were given by Dr. William J. Sanders, president of the college and council members.

Members were present from Connecticut, Fall River, New Bedford, and Western Massachusetts, as well as many near-by places.

SKI CLUB NEWS BRIEFS

Hiking is being planned for these fall months as "Old Man Winter" is approaching fast. It won't be long now until the hills in the surrounding area are echoing to the sound of "Track" from the ski trails.

Don't miss out on the fun this year. Come out for skiing whether you're a beginner or an old hand at it. If you are a beginner and incidentally-a co-ed, you will get plenty of coaching from the willing members. Ski trips are being planned far and near with Hospital Hill getting its share of useage.

Plans are not as yet completed but things have started rolling with "Ace" Mangue, Red Frue, John Nolan and George Johnson taking over until officers are elected.

So all you lads and lassies - beg, borrow, or steal a pair of skiis. Come out for this club and learn what the king of winter sports is really like.

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The Cuff Tray

by Edgar Eager

Hi, everybody!! Time again to say Welcome to all you new comers and Welcome Back to all you Old-timers - Oldtimer, thats a Soph who passed Frosh Math and then spent all summer in a rest home telling himself what a snap it was. Well, anyway we're all going to make the "Prisident's List" this year.-Which one?- (I said it and I'm glad).

What with the tremendous influx of new students, this should be a banner year as far as sports activities are concerned. A great percentage of Freshmen are dominating the student body this year a and are still a little shy and il l at ease since most of them led very sheltered lives before coming to FTC.(i got that last as a direct quote from Miss Tillie Trimstone who was "Miss High School(JG) of 1946 in her home county). To get serious again tho', if all you upperclassmen see to it that the Frosh get to meet everyone, we should have more "fun than people" this year.

The honor of sitting at the head of "THE" table for Sunday Morning breakfast this week goes to a new comer for this gem:
Scene:Dining-room. Table 7 Frosh boys and a Junior girl(brave lass).

She:Dooall you boys live out in the "Barracks"?
(Stoney stares and deathly silence- a former PFC faints.)
She(continuing bravely):I hear it's quite a nice set-up. Do you have closets?
Bitter Frosh:Yeah,-but they come equipped with tables, beds, and have numbers on the doors.

You don't have to live out there to appreciate that. You knpw how it goes tho', some days you can't make a dime.

I attended the unofficial opening of the school social season in the Gym the other Tuesday night. What a rucjus!! After my supper I went back to my room and put on my yellow socks and a crew neck sweater(I had a T-shirt but it didn't look crummy enough to wear to a good Record Hop) and ambled over to the gym. The jernt was crowded-I'm so sure I pushed my way by the two girls who were coming from the dining room; stepped aside while the janitor swept where I stood, ducked again while three commuters who were playing basketball at the far end of the gym dashed by and at last reached the crowd standing by the piano- Crowd-that's a Frosh girl and the upperclassmen who were hazing her. The fellow who promised to come hasen't shown up yet.

Seriously tho' I did think thtt the first Record Hop was kind of a flop, but each one in turn since h then has improved so that everyone looks forward to them, and the attendance is now swell. Incidentally, I've noticed a couple of fellows every week who make the affair a success bu obtaining the Record changer and "Feeding" the thing all evening. I think a vote of thanks is due them from each one of us.

See you next time,
"Eag"

FRESHMAN RECEPTION SUCCESS -

Amidst swirling gowns, piano and vocal selections, and the music of Eddie Hamiltons Orchestra, the largest Freshman Class in years was welcomed into our college on October 4th.

Receiving the Frosh in a formal reception line were Dr. and Mrs. Sanders; Dean and Mrs. Weston; Mr. and Mrs. Anthony; Dean Bradt: Helen Stocking, president of the Student Council; and Richard White, treasurer of the Student Council. James Gray, head usher, was in charge

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Gaveleer News

GAVELEERS INDUCT FIFTEEN

The Gaveleers have inaugerated a program for the coming year whose features rival Henry Kaiser's post war dreams (in a smaller way, of course). Ideas and plans are mostly in the embryonic stages now but we'll let you know in future issues what develops.

Recently the Gavs sent out bids and fifteen new members who measured up to Gaveleer standards of scholastic ability, personality and athletic leanings were inducted into the college's oldest frat. The initiating committee was headed by President John Nolan.

The new members are: Jim Gray, Walter Sullivan, Roger Trembley, Rudy Alisch, Ralph Curran, Richard Pauvisi, Herb Scanlon, Bob Proulx, Walter Richards, John Dzenowagis, Bert Steeves, Chic Lambert, Ken Boccus, Fran Gariepy, and Jim Cooney.

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of ushering new students through the receiving line.

Miss Curry, in charge of the entertainment, Presented, Miss Madelyn LaForce who sang "If I Could Tell You", also, Mr. Alex McA[illegible] [illegible] "The Big Bass Viol".

Miss Eleanor Fusco played "Chloe", a piano selection, and Miss Ruth Hanson closed the program singing "Someday" and "There's a Song In My Heart".

The freshman were introduced to upperclassmen during the general dancing which followed.

W.A.A.

W. A. A. RALLY

After a week of wonderment the freshmen girls were gracefully welcomed into the Women's Athletic Association which was held at the "Brook", on Tuesday afternoon.

All new members had been required to wear large name tags and green and white bows according to which team they honored. These signs indicated that they were "Fledglings" in the athletic field and gave upperclassmen a means of identification.

"Frosh" were escorted to the place of reception after which a program of relays and initiation took place under the direction of Bertha Johnson, Margaret Wheatley, Sally O'Connor, Kaye Morrilly, Eleanor Fusco, and Kit Bourgeois.

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A STAINED GLASS WINDOW

It stood up there so gallant
and fair.
It's spectrum light came through
with a glare.
It's majestic color beyond compare
Came through on the floor so
shallow and bare.
It's exotic poise so gallantly set
Made a person feel not a single
regret.
The figure itself so colorfully
toned,
Stood out like Zeus on his godly
throne.
It's warm quiet background reminds
you of peace,
That followed the path of strife
when it ceased.
This picture so vague, so humble,
so meek,
Can only be seen by you of the
Christian regime.

John J. O'Malley

"SAW"-DUST (Con't from page 4)

"Now is the beginning is begotten, for that which is begotten has a beginning; but the beginning has no beginning, for if a beginning were begotten of something, that would have no beginning, etc. (and it gets worse).
Who can blame the creatures for quitely whispering, "Woof, woof, I'M Napoleon."

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For a potential genius in Miss Collons art class Mr. McCauliff, Freshman, had better repaint his truck. My, my, fellow! What a poor color scheme.

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Say now, that Hampton Beach must be quite a place, it seems to be the chief topic of conversation with Brennie, Bonnie, Joe G. Tony P., and George J. who favored the place with their presence this summer. By the way, we students would like to know to what dance Jim B. was headed for at midnight with a girl under one arm and a blanket under the other and also why George J. has such a deep moon tan, or are you blushing Georgie boy?

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Brogan is as Irish a name as you could ever find. We ask why, where, and whence the repeated reference to "Minsieur Brogain". Could be he's a descendant of the infamous Napoleon?

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And you can't miss this folks, the following remark was uttered by a Frosh LIT student as she relaxed in the steps of GIRLSTOWN. Quote "Oh dark setteth thou in! " Congrats to Mr. Healy or is George Ahearn giving his brother Eddie lessons on the side?

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Who's a definite boon to the social and economic life stability? Why the commuters? Why? Because the proprietor of the Spa informed us that commuters have put more nickles in the juke-box than any other group. How do they know? It has been found that all their nickles have Lincoln heads on them. OUCH!

The boys from Bachelor's Hall believe that there's safety in numbers as evidenced by that triple date the other nite. Did you have a good time Peggy G, Shirley R. and Maurgerite J.????

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Commuting GI's (ex of course) were busy last week-end with the Welcome Home shin-dig. Methinks some of the dorm men might have cashed in on the doings which only goes to prove how big our hearts are? Or is it provincial pride?

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The boys from BACHELOR'S HALL love(?) this life. Just like the Army, eh boys?

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Our mailman has insisted on an increase in salary since that certain Junior girl in a Suite A has been receiving thr e special d livery letters a day!!

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FRESHMAN VISIT

After the tour of the Angel Plant the class was shown through the G.S.Haven Wood Turning Shops. Here the class had an opportunity to see the older style machines in operation. Future visits are planned to take in other types of shops in this city.

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In a ritual designed by our Indian forefathers the Freshman formed a line and deposited their green and white bows into a large bonfire. The rally closed with singing of familiar songs around the fire and an announcement of the A. A. Conference.

Thanks

Our hearty thanks goes to Reporter Al Wright, who worked diligently from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. setting up this issue of the "TWIG".
THANKS G IE? I!!

SPORTS

That's right, soccer is back at F. T. C. with a bang! Anyone who doubtd can go down to the Athletic Field any afternoon of the week, and have his doubts quickly dispelled by a look at Coach Elliot's stalwarts vigorously kicking the ball around the field.

All the signs point to a good season. For, although most of the men are strictly green at the game, under the coach's tutelage they are rapidly rounding out into a good-looking combination. A stiff first game was on the schedule with our boys fighting it out with M. I. T. It was a rough game and the boys looked good.

From a bird's eye view in the grandstand, it may look like easy doings to kick and butt that ball around, but anyone who has tried it knows differently. It takes lots of practice. And for that reason we predict that the more games the team plays, the stronger it will become. We feel sorry for its last couple of opponents!

Here's the list of players. and we'll have more next time on how the boys are doing, together with last season's baseball averages.

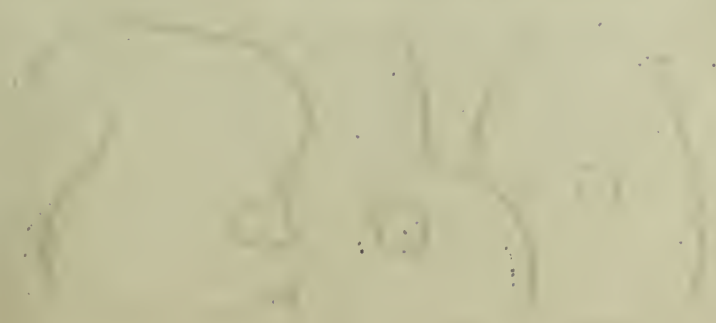
NAME	POSITION
Ahern, E.	H. B.
Ahern, G.	H. B.
Bruin, J.	F. B.
Casey, J.	F. B.
Fiorello, J.	I. R.
Graham, W.	O. R.
Grace, D.	I. L.
Gouin, L.	H. B.
Krikorian, G.	O. R.
Marshall	O. L.
Martin, R.	H. B.
Miller, F.	I. R.
Moczulewski, M.	C. F.
Muraszka, S.	F. B.
Phillips, J.	C. F.
Pickford	I. L.
Polito, T.	I. L.
Rooney, P.	O. L.
Scanlon	O. L.
Scott, E.	Gcalie
Sullivan, W. F.	H. B.
Sullivan, W. F.	O. R.
Theodores, J.	L. B.
Vennberg, D.	H. B.
Snow, J.	I. R.
Forshner, E.	I. L.

SCHEDULE OF GAMES

M. I. T. ------Oct. 16--Lost
Alumni ------Oct. 19
Clark ------Oct. 26
Nichols Jr. Col.-Oct. 30

CONFERENCE (cont from page 1)

friends who are cordially invited to attend on Friday morning, Oct. 18, at 11:00 o'clock. Judge Miles a well known speaker in his state was recommended highly for his interesting manner, great character, and many tales of which he has experienced in his work as a judge. Also addressing the delegation will be Mr. Daniel J. Kelley, State Supervisor of Phys. Education, at 2:00 P. M,, after which a film on the activities of the different colleges will be shown.

An all school (Men included) invitation to attend the "Fair" in the gym on Friday evening is extended, and also the roller skating party at Whalom on Saturday morning at 10:30. A fee of $.30 will be charged for admission to the roller skating affair.

COME ALL
AND HAVE
FUN!!